

LOSSES IN RECENT FIGHTING

London, Sept. 28.—German prisoners at Bordeaux, according to a dispatch to Reuters, states that the losses of the kaiser's armies have been enormous in the last engagements. Several companies of the guards are now in command of very young officers, all the older ones having been killed in the fighting.

Losses of the last few days on both sides are said to exceed all other engagements of the war. Stories have reached here from Belgium that the Germans, unable to bury their dead on the field, have shipped them behind the army by trainloads in order to avoid epidemics.

Fierce Fighting in the East

From the east comes reports of actions from almost every section of the Russian frontier. Emperor William is reported to be in east Prussia and the German offensive, probably under his eyes, has recommenced against General Rennenkampf.

The Russians believe that this movement, because of its limited front, is a diversion to relieve the threatened German line from Kalisz to Cracow, on the northern Hungarian frontier.

The Austrian forces are still retreating on Cracow. Besides taking some of the forts around Przemyśl, the Russian cavalry is said to be pouring through the defiles of the Carpathians on to the plains of Hungary. Budapest reports, however, that the repeated attempts of the Russian cavalry to enter Hungary from the north have been repulsed.

Hungarians Prepare Defense.

One hundred thousand troops, taken at the beginning of the war from Trent, have been replaced by Hungarians and all eighteen forts of the first line of defense are being brought into the highest state of repair.

Electric currents are a marked feature of the defensive army. Wires have been laid all over the strategic points on the frontier and these connect with a powerful power station at Riva.

Great Battle Entering On Final Stage.

Paris, Sept. 28.—After sixteen days of continuous fighting, the battle of the Aisne is tonight entering upon its final phase. This is the opinion of every military critic. That the end will bring a decisive victory for the allies is generally conceded.

The brevity of all official communications during the last twelve hours has aroused unusual interest. The omission of any mention of fighting except between the Aisne and Argonne gives the impression that most important events are transpiring at the other vital points and also that new movements of strategic significance are under way.

While today's official statements emphasized the fact that the general situation was unchanged, they added the vital information that at no point had the German attacks, continued for three days, made any gain. A failure to progress at this stage is, for the kaiser, equivalent to a reverse for with fresh troops arriving to add stamina to the assault upon the worn force of General Alexander Von Kluck, each day sees a diminishing of that leader's chances of extricating himself from the position resulting from his ill-advised though nearly successful, drive to Paris.

Turning Movement Continues

The tactics of the opposing general staffs, as shown by reports from the front today, remain unchanged. Frantic blows delivered by the German forces, first at one point and then another, on a line from the river Aisne to the Argonne forest, to pierce the French front and thus relieve the harassed German right wing from its peril, failed. The allies continued their enveloping movement against Von Kluck's slowly bending front and while no pronounced successes are claimed, every indication is that perceptible progress has resulted.

If the German right is turned, Von Kluck must withdraw his immense forces through Belgium or Luxembourg, and this will be a most difficult and dangerous task. For two weeks without cessation, the Germans have endeavored to end the slow but deadly encircling movement of the French and British, revolving about a point between the Somme and Oise rivers. The first attempt completed an assault on the allies' center, between Rheims and the Argonne. This resulted disastrously at Vitry-Le-Francois.

The enemy then turned eastward, bringing up great bodies of troops to besiege Verdun. They were again stopped. The third

endeavor took the form of a counter attack by Von Kluck, reinforced by troops from Lorraine. These were thrown forward in a desperate attempt to dislodge the French, who were pushing the Germans back upon Noyon.

German Assaults Unsuccessful.

Today's attack on the line between the river Aisne and the Argonne marks the last point upon which the kaiser had tried by means of concentrated assault upon each strategic point on the hundred mile front to turn the tide of battle. According to dispatches from the front, today's attempt was the most violent of the war. Column after column was pushed forward despite the devastating fire from well placed French batteries. Passing through this the attacking forces were met by French, who, aided by their Teco comrades, successfully held their positions.

After hours of this ineffectual and costly battle, the German forces were withdrawn again to their fortified lines north of the French positions.

Fighting has occurred within four miles of Antwerp, according to Amsterdam dispatches. Belgian outposts won in a clash at Schooten, four miles east of the new capital.

King Albert is personally leading his army in its endeavors to harass the Germans. There has been sharp fighting at Termonde, sixteen miles east of Ghent and at Hofstadt, two miles further to the east. At the latter place the Germans were driven back after several hours and left some of their heavy artillery, which had become mired.

HAGENBECK AND WALLACE.

The Carl Hagenbeck and Great Wallace Shows will visit Great Bend on Wednesday, October 7.

For more than a quarter of a century the Great Wallace Circus was the best in all the land. Several years ago the big circus was consolidated with Carl Hagenbeck's trained wild animal exhibition. Carl Hagenbeck, before his death, was the "animal king," and the combination of the two shows for a single price of admission makes it something unheard of in the amusement world. With a few exceptions, great arenic acts originate in Europe. They are invariably introduced into America by the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows, who maintain agencies in Europe and Asia for the purpose of keeping in touch with the latest achievements.

The Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows have either originated all great attractions in the past few years or have searched them out from distant lands. It has offices in London, Liverpool, Paris, Berlin, Hamburg, Vienna, Constantinople, Calcutta, Hong Kong and Buenos Ayres. Its agents are always looking for novelties. B. E. Wallace may be justly called the "circus king" as he is the largest individual circus owner in the entire world. His name has been lisped by the mouths of two generations of children.

Today the circus has reached a size that is giving the railroads much concern. If the three trains were any longer they could not handle them. It has 550 horses, three herds of elephants, and 600 other animals. All of the equipment throughout this season is new. It cost the owner, Mr. Wallace, \$3,000,000. The parade alone represents a cash outlay of \$1,000,000. The menagerie is worth half as much. The best circus artists in the world have been engaged for this season; there are 387 of them.

Doors to the big show will be opened at 1 and 7 p. m. Performance will begin an hour later. The parade leaves the grounds at 10 o'clock.

When you come in next week, look over that new buggy that you promised the boys and girls you'd get them. At WILCOX'S.

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Bert Trester was in from the farm near Heizer Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends and on a business trip.

HELEN MAY PUTNAM

Helen May Putnam, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Putnam, died at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathews, in this city, on Monday of this week, aged two years, 10 months and 13 days, death being due to diphtheria. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have been living on the Newkirk ranch southwest of town, and as soon as the little one's illness was noticed it was brought to town in order that it might receive the best of care and attention, but to no avail. Funeral services were held from the Mathews home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment made in the Great Bend cemetery. The loss of their little daughter is indeed a sad blow to Mr. and Mrs. Putnam, and they have the sincere

sympathy of the community in their hour of sorrow.

J. E. Kelley, a director of the Farmers' Co-operative Association of South Dakota, recently made an investigation of the charge that the Argentina corn that came to this country under the present tariff law had pushed down the price of that cereal for last year's crop. He gives as the result of his inquiry that the slump in prices was due to the American grain gamblers and speculators. The figures he cites show that under the normal conditions that existed previous to the war the spread in price between New York and Liverpool was 10 cents a bushel, whereas until the last of the crop got out of the hands of the farmers, the difference was almost 20 cents. From

November 25 last until May 15, when the great bulk of the crop was handled, corn was at practically the same price at Liverpool, whereas the price rose in this country 10 cents a bushel as the corn came off the farms. Intelligent farmers will accept this proof rather than the unattested statements of Republicans who are claiming the tariff was at fault.

Colonel Will Otte, of Heizer, was brought to the St. Rose hospital the first of the week where he is receiving treatment for bladder trouble. The Colonel's many friends will be sorry to hear of his illness and will hope that he may soon be restored to health.

Harry Gilmore was up from Ellinwood Tuesday to attend the circus, look after some business matters and visit with friends.